

WARDEN DOUBTS ENDED BY RILEY

Leave Granted, Kirchwey
Appointed, He Says in
Letter to Osborne.

WHITE GETS PLACE ON BLACKWELL'S

Prisoners. Keeping Holiday.
Cheer Promises to Continue
Sing Sing Reform.

John R. Riley, Superintendent of Prisons, went on record definitely as to the status of Thomas Mott Osborne yesterday, when this letter was received at Sing Sing Prison.

"Albany, Dec. 31, 1915.
"Dear Sir: Referring to your application for a leave of absence dated the 29th, which was handed to me by Governor Whitman, I beg to advise that your request is hereby granted.

"I have this day appointed George W. Kirchwey agent and warden. Yours very truly,
JOHN R. RILEY,
Superintendent of Prisons.

"To Thomas Mott Osborne, Sing Sing Prison."
Friends of Warden Osborne said yesterday this effectively disposes of any doubt that Mr. Riley's statements may have raised as to the exact status of Mr. Osborne.

Another interesting development was the announcement that Luther B. White, whom Superintendent Riley on Friday tried to force Dr. George W. Kirchwey to restore to the position of superintendent of industries in Sing Sing, had on Tuesday last accepted a similar post at Blackwell's Island.

In confirming the statement that White had been given this post, which pays \$3,000 a year, Burdette G. Lewis, Commissioner of Correction, said last night that the appointment must not be considered as in any way reflecting upon Mr. Osborne and that Mr. White would not be allowed to use the position to embarrass the warden.

"None of Mr. Osborne's enemies may take any comfort from this appointment of Mr. White," said Mr. Lewis. "Mr. Davis and myself investigated carefully to ascertain whether or not there appeared to be anything between Mr. Osborne and Mr. White except incompatibility of temperament or a difference of opinion over one point of policy."

"Mr. White made it clear that he does not want to be understood as in any way inimical to Mr. Osborne, and the appointment would not have been made if he believed it would be."

"Furthermore, Mr. White has no desire to use his position to embarrass Mr. Osborne, nor will he be allowed to do so. The position was tentatively accepted by Mr. White a fortnight ago, Mr. Lewis said, and positively accepted on Tuesday last."

As indicating his own position as regards Mr. Osborne, Commissioner Lewis said he had accepted a place on the Lewisohn committee being formed to assist Mr. Osborne.

In Sing Sing prison yesterday the holiday was quietly observed. Visitors were supplied with an entertainment in the afternoon. At noon the men had a special dinner of roast pork, mashed potatoes, pie and coffee. During the noon hour Warden Kirchwey addressed the men in the mess hall, wishing them a happy 1916.

The reception was warm, but Osborne himself never made any announcement that was more enthusiastically received than Mr. Kirchwey's declaration that he intended to continue the work begun by Mr. Osborne.

"In that," said he, "I want and need your cooperation. I believe I will have it."
Cheers interrupted by cries of "You bet!" were renewed when Dr. Kirchwey defined his position.

"There seems to be some question," said he, "whether Sing Sing has one or two wardens. I may say that I am acting warden in Warden Osborne's absence on leave."

Later Dr. Kirchwey paid his first visit to the death house, where more than a score of men are awaiting execution. He talked with each man briefly. In the late afternoon he came to New York to visit his family for the first time since Wednesday returning to the prison on an evening train.

Osborne Gets Hearty Greeting in Home Town

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Auburn, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Thomas Mott Osborne, temporarily relieved of his duties at Sing Sing prison, arrived home to-day and was greeted heartily on all sides by his fellow-townsmen. The office of the desk was piled with letters and telegrams from all parts of the country offering sympathy and aid and denouncing the prison reformer's enemies. Mr. Osborne was especially pleased by the loyal expressions from leading citizens of Auburn.

Among those who wrote long letters were Dr. George Black Stewart, president of Auburn Theological Seminary; John W. Brand, a leading attorney; William Miller Collier, former United States Minister to Spain; George H. Nye, manufacturer and banker, and Charles A. Wright, former Columbia football center, now attorney and chairman of the Cayuga County Progressive Committee. Letters from all parts of the state urged Mr. Osborne to keep up his fight.

John Jay Chapman, author, said: "Your magnificent fighting ability has been my constant admiration, quite apart from the deeper things. This last malignant and deeply laid conspiracy against men will do, always have done when their better nature is attacked. In previous ages you would have been murdered or put to death by a legal cabal or a charge of some sort, still; but it really is not nearly so effective, for after a man has been put to death, like Joan of Arc, it may be a great consolation to his family to have in a position to enjoy it. Don't get worn out. Keep indifferent. They can't hurt you."

William P. Martin, presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas of New Jersey, says: "I am thoroughly impressed with the fact that if you are out on the right road, no and successful your efforts the enemy would not employ drastic measures in a futile attempt to destroy you and the work which you are accomplishing. I desire particularly to emphasize my appreciation of the firmness with which you decline to resign. I believe that the people of the State of New York and generally throughout the country fight, and that the good cause served will be victorious."

is just what you have been fighting for. There can be no doubt of the outcome."

Boyd McDowell, City Attorney of Elmira, says: "I want to congratulate you on the enemies you are making. If there is any way to tell a decent man from a crook it is by the enemies he makes."

Letters in similar vein were received from Amley Wilcox, of Buffalo; Lawrence E. Sexton, of New York; Nathan Straus, Jr., and other prominent men.

ABSENT TREATMENT KEEPS HIM IN JAIL

Actor's Son Wants to Deduct
Healer's Fee from Alimony.

Mrs. Helen M. Hills does not believe her son-in-law, Jack P. Mantell, son of the actor, should be permitted to deduct from the alimony a fee of \$25 which he says he paid to a Christian Scientist for the treatment of his wife, especially as the treatment has been of the absent sort.

Mrs. Mantell is a patient in the Central Islip Hospital for the Insane. Her mother is her committee, and she caused the arrest and commitment of Mantell to Ludlow Street Jail because she feared he was going to leave the state without paying the arrears of alimony. He asked the court to release him and urged that the \$25 paid to the healer be deducted from the alimony claimed. Mrs. Hills said in reply:

"Dr. Benton is a Christian Scientist employed by the defendant without his wife's knowledge. He has never seen Mrs. Mantell and she doesn't know he is giving her treatment. While I do not object to the treatment, I do not believe the \$25 should be deducted from the alimony."

Justice Whitaker decided that Mantell can get out of jail by giving a bond guaranteeing payment.

RIDDER WEDDING MYSTERY SOLVED

Relatives of Bride and Bridegroom Say They Are on Honey-moon at Hot Springs.

The mystery in the marriage of Miss Nellie J. Hickey, of Mount Vernon, to Bernard Ridder, editor of the "Staats Zeitung," in Baltimore Thursday was yesterday cleared up by relatives of the bride and bridegroom.

Through Victor Ridder it was learned that Miss Hickey had lived in Mount Vernon; that she was the sister of Supervisor Daniel C. Hickey, and daughter of the late Daniel C. Hickey, railroad contractor and former Democratic state committeeman from Westchester County. The late Herman Ridder and the father of the bride were close friends.

According to William J. Amend, an uncle of the bridegroom, the wedding took place in Baltimore because of the fact that Bernard Ridder had been divorced from his first wife, Hilda Lyttles, in this state. Mrs. Herman Ridder expressed no surprise at her son's marriage. Victor, however, could see no reason for his brother going to Baltimore to get married.

"I'm the most surprised man in the world in one way," said Victor Ridder. "In another way, I'm not surprised at all. My brother and I never discussed his family affairs for the reason that he felt badly about the separation from his first wife."

"I haven't had a word of verification from him about the marriage in Baltimore, but there is no doubt that the names used in the dispatches are right. I have heard the name of a Miss Nellie Hickey mentioned. I believe she lives in Mount Vernon and it seems to me that would have been the place for them to get married."

Supervisor Hickey, at his home in Mount Vernon last night, said there was no romance or mystery connected with the wedding. He said that the couple were married in the Baltimore Cathedral by the Rev. Father Thomas J. Moore.

"Dr. Moore was a college classmate of mine," said Mr. Hickey. "My mother, I and several other relatives were present at the ceremony. There is no mystery about the marriage, as some of the papers have tried to make out."

The bride is twenty-seven years old and is prominent in Mount Vernon society. Her brother said last night that the couple had gone South to spend their honeymoon. This was confirmed by Victor Ridder, who said that they were at Hot Springs. He expected them back in New York to-morrow or Tuesday.

TRADES AIDING JEWISH RELIEF

Cloak and Suit Manufacturers
Contribute \$16,934—Polish
Fund Now \$205,555.

An executive meeting of the Business Men's League, which has been cooperating with the American Jewish Relief Committee, was held at the Hotel Imperial Thursday. Ways and means of organizing systematically the various industries to raise funds for Jewish war sufferers were discussed and reports were submitted by committees which have been working among the different trades.

The object of the committee has been to organize manufacturers in each trade so that every one in those trades would be reached by appeals.

It was announced that the cloak and suit trade had contributed \$16,934. The committee hopes to raise \$50,000. The first checks from the shirt trade totaled \$820. Dress and waist manufacturers, furriers, cotton merchants, men's shirt manufacturers and the steam laundry business have been organized by committee. Organization is under way in the clothing, yarn and wool, cotton and flower and feather trades. The jewellers are organized and have contributed \$10,849.85.

Contributions amounting to \$4,377.88 were sent to the Polish Victims Relief Fund during the last week. This brings the total amount up to \$205,555.33. Among the larger gifts were the following:

War Relief Association of Virginia, \$500; F. W. Tansie, \$100; Polish Stamp Fund, \$1,183.70; Warner M. Leeds, \$100; John C. Tappin, \$100; Mme. Paderewski, \$186; Princess Josephine del Drago, \$100; Needlework Guild of America, \$600; War Children's Relief Fund, \$500.

Anne Morgan, chairman of the Vacation War Relief Committee, reported yesterday that \$1,983.35 had been added to the funds previously acknowledged. Some of the contributions were from the Children's Fund, \$826; American Fund for French Wounded, \$309.43; Thomas A. Edison, \$5; American Polish Relief Committee, \$126; and Secours National, \$500.

The American Fund for French Wounded reports that \$332.50 was turned in last week. Ethelbert Nevin is chairman of the committee. The only large contribution was \$125, from J. M. Gillling.

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30,000 Yards of Desirable Silks, Velvets, Corduroys and Velvetenees

in white, black and the fashionable colors for afternoon and evening wear, will comprise an unusual offering for to-morrow (Monday).

These fabrics (arranged in dress, blouse and coat lengths) will be marked at 45c., 65c., 95c., \$1.55 & 1.95 per yard

which are extraordinary concessions from original selling prices.

A Very Important Sale of Women's American-made Underwear

to be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will consist of unusually large assortments of dainty, newly-made Undergarments in attractive models designed especially for B. Altman & Co. and featuring the desired materials, as well as excellent quality and workmanship, at decidedly low prices.

MUSLIN UNDERGARMENTS	CREPE DE CHINE OR SATIN UNDERGARMENTS
Nightrobes	(In many instances either fabric may be obtained at the prices quoted)
at \$1.00, 1.50, 1.90, 2.10 to 3.90	Nightrobes, \$3.90, 5.00 & 7.50
Chemises (envelope style or plain)	Envelope Chemises
at \$1.00, 1.50, 1.90, 2.85	at \$1.90, 2.85, 3.90, 4.25, 5.00
Corset Covers	Combinations . . . 3.90, 5.00
at 55c., 85c., \$1.00, 1.25 to 1.90	Underbodices, 1.00, 1.50, 1.90, 3.00
Drawers	Knickers . . . 1.90, 3.00
at 65c., \$1.00, 1.35, 1.50, 2.00	
Combinations or Petticoats	
at \$1.00, 1.50, 1.90 to 3.90	

Muslin Underwear

FOR MISSES	FOR CHILDREN
Nightrobes . . . 95c., \$1.45, 1.85	Nightrobes . . . 70c., 95c.
Drawers . . . 50c., 85c.	Drawers . . . 35c., 40c., 45c., 50c.
Envelope Chemises . . . \$1.35	Princess Slips . . . 95c.
Combinations . . . 1.65	Petticoats . . . 75c.
Princess Slips . . . 1.50, 1.85	Waist Petticoats (sizes 6 to 10 yrs.)
Petticoats . . . 1.25, 1.85	at . . . \$1.10, 1.25

The Annual Sale of White Cotton Fabrics

will be commenced to-morrow. The prices quoted are considerably less than are usually asked for goods of the qualities included in this Sale.

Boxes of 10 yards each
Chimosa Nainsook, 39 inches, Striped, \$2.35
Checked, \$2.40
Cloister Cloth, 42 inches . . . 2.30
Yamada Nainsook, 41 inches, 1.95
Sea Island Nainsook, 38 ins., 2.25

29c. per yard

The Advance Styles of Imported & American-made Cotton Dress Fabrics

show many exclusive novelty effects of unusual attractiveness. To-morrow (Monday) 7,000 yards of Silk-and-cotton Crepe de Chine 36 inches wide, in delicate tints as well as darker shades, will be priced at

29c. per yard

Furs and Fur Garments at very decided price reductions

are a present feature of special interest. Among the handsome Furs which have been subjected to a severe revision of prices are Coats of Ermine, Mink, Broadtail, Hudson Seal, Karakul and Moleskin; and a large number of Muffs and Neckpieces. Included in the offering are

Fur Muffs and Neckpieces

Men's Fur-lined, Fur-trimmed Overcoats

Of Oxford gray or black cloth . . . at \$48.00, 58.00 & 75.00

The Midwinter Sale of Women's Coats (silk-lined throughout)

will take place to-morrow (Monday)

Seven distinct models will be offered, newly made up in the most seasonable fabrics and styles and very specially priced for this event.

Coats of black velour velvet with fur collar and cuffs; belted model; skirt fur-trimmed . . . \$55.00	Coats of black velour velvet with collar and cuffs edged with fur; belt all around . . . \$38.00
Coats of black velour velvet with fur collar; semi-fitted; skirt with flare at each side . . . \$45.00	Coats of black or brown broadcloth with choker collar of fur; semi-fitted and belted in front, \$42.50
Coats of black or green vicuna cloth with high choker collar and deep cuffs of fur; belt to button at side, at . . . \$48.00	Coats of black broadcloth with choker collar of fur . . . \$24.50
	Also
	Coats of black cheviot with velvet collar and cuffs; half-lined, \$16.50

IMPORTANT ONE-MONTH SALES FOR JANUARY

A Great Sale of Oriental Rugs

to be commenced on Wednesday, January 5th, and continued throughout the month, will afford an opportunity—unparalleled at this time—for those who can appreciate choice Rugs to gratify their individual tastes

B. Altman & Co., anticipating the inevitable limitation of the available supply of choice Oriental Rugs, have made extraordinary preparations, through their connections in the Orient, to meet this emergency. The result of their endeavors is shown in this phenomenal offering, which includes Rugs of virtually every desirable size and quality known to the rug experts of the East.

SPECIALLY FEATURED WILL BE A COLLECTION OF Chinese Rugs

comprising hundreds of beautiful copies of antique rugs produced during the more famous dynasties.

An Extraordinary Sale of Household & Decorative Linens, Blankets Bedspreads, Comfortables, etc.

which will commence to-morrow (Monday) and continue throughout the month, will provide an opportune occasion for securing reliable merchandise at unusually low prices. To initiate this Sale will be:

Linen Damask Table Cloths each \$1.90, 2.40, 3.35, 4.25 to 8.75	Crochet Bedspreads each . . . \$1.10, 1.25 & 1.65
Linen Damask Dinner Napkins doz. \$2.75, 3.75, 4.25, 5.25 to 8.75	Comfortables
Linen Sheets, hemstitched, per pair . . . \$4.75, 6.50 & 7.50	Cotton-filled . . . each \$1.65
Linen Pillow Cases, hemstitched, per pair . . . \$1.25, 1.50 & 2.00	Cotton-filled, with figured mull top and plain border each \$2.50
Linen Huckaback Towels, hemstitched, per dozen . . . \$3.00, 4.20 & 6.00	Wool-filled, with figured mull top and dotted mull border; reverse matching border . . . each \$5.50
Turkish Bath Towels, hemmed, per dozen \$2.40, 3.00, 4.80 & 5.40	Muslin Sheets and Pillow Cases
White Blankets per pair \$4.50, 5.50, 6.50 to 11.50	Muslin Sheets, with plain hems, each . . . 45c., 55c., 60c. to \$1.10
Satin-finish Bedspreads	Muslin Sheets, hemstitched, each . . . \$1.05 & 1.20
With scalloped edges: Single size, each . . . \$3.00	Muslin Pillow Cases
With scalloped edges: Double size, each . . . \$3.75	With plain hem each . . . 12c., 15c., 20c. to 28c.
With plain hems: Size 80x100 inches . . . each \$2.65	Hemstitched each . . . 25c., 28c. & 32c.

THE NEW EMBROIDERIES FOR SPRING, 1916 are ready for inspection